

# House Study Bill 7

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE BILL BY  
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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to an appropriation from the environment first  
2 fund for the establishment of permanent soil and water  
3 conservation practices, by allocating moneys to support the  
4 administration of local governmental units, and providing an  
5 effective date.  
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
7 TLSB 1562HC 81  
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1 1 Section 1. 2004 Iowa Acts, chapter 1175, section 301,  
1 2 subsection 1, paragraph e, is amended by adding the following  
1 3 new subparagraph:  
1 4 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (7) Of the amount appropriated in this  
1 5 paragraph "e", \$250,000 shall be used to reimburse  
1 6 commissioners of soil and water conservation districts for  
1 7 administrative expenses, including, but not limited to, travel  
1 8 expenses and technical training. Moneys used for the payment  
1 9 of meeting dues by counties shall be matched on a dollar=for=  
1 10 dollar basis by the soil conservation division.  
1 11 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT == PAYMENT OF REIMBURSEMENT MONEYS.  
1 12 The department of agriculture and land stewardship shall  
1 13 reimburse commissioners of soil and water conservation  
1 14 districts the amount allocated pursuant to section 1 of this  
1 15 Act within ten days after the effective date of this Act.  
1 16 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
1 17 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

### EXPLANATION

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1 19 This bill amends a provision in S.F. 2298 (2004 Iowa Acts,  
1 20 ch. 1175) as enacted by the general assembly during its last  
1 21 session. The \$5.5 million appropriated from the environment  
1 22 first fund to the department of agriculture and land  
1 23 stewardship is to be used for purposes of providing financial  
1 24 assistance for the establishment of permanent soil and water  
1 25 conservation practices, which are generally authorized under  
1 26 Code chapter 161A. The bill adds provisions which require the  
1 27 department to reimburse commissioners of soil and water  
1 28 conservation districts for administrative expenses, including,  
1 29 but not limited to, travel expenses and technical training.  
1 30 It also provides that moneys used for the payment of meeting  
1 31 dues by counties must be matched on a dollar=for=dollar basis  
1 32 by the department's soil conservation division. Similar  
1 33 language has been included in past bills appropriating general  
1 34 fund moneys to the department (see 2000 Acts, ch. 1224,  
1 35 section 1, subsection 4). The bill requires that the  
2 1 department reimburse the commissioners the designated amount  
2 2 within 10 days after the effective date of this bill.  
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